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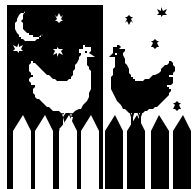
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was mixed, slow to good, mostly light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient, closest for smaller sized product. In the parts structure, breast items were irregular with increases in interest reported in some locations, yet in others, demand was light and supplies at least adequate. Dark meat was adequate to close, but in the Northeast, more than sufficient, and wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 63.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 59.25 cents last year on the 21st of June, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

| ITEM | DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 207.50 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 134.00 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 72.00 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 98.00 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 30.00 |
| WINGS | 98.00 |

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate with best movement into retail for ads and fast food for promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability for breast items was mixed, but more balanced to at times close with increased inquiries. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared and still clearing, and wings were sufficient and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair. Offerings were generally adequate with 3 pound and lighter sizes in the better balance. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items improved and were at least adequate. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat items increased in availability and were more than sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and Wogs were sufficient for trade needs with heavier sizes more available. Retail and food service movement was mixed, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were in a full range. Trading on parts items was slow to moderate with boneless/skinless breasts receiving best call. Supplies were adequate with boneless/skinless breasts more in line with trade needs, wings varied, dark meat items were in close balance and whole breasts were fully sufficient. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat items, steady to fully steady on boneless/skinless breasts and steady to barely steady on the balance.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Offerings adequate overall. Retail demand was good, best to cover fast food needs and store ads. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was fully steady on breast fronts and generally steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

| 15 STATES | | | PERCENT CHANGE |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| WEEK ENDING 06/16/01 | <u>2001</u> | <u>2000</u> | PREVIOUS YEAR |
| EGGS SET | 185,204 | 183,276 | +01 |
| CHICKS PLACED | 153,131 | 148,434 | +03 |
| *19 STATES | | | |
| EGGS SET | 205,893 | - | - |
| CHICKS PLACED | 171,466 | - | - |

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 16, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 16, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through June 16, 2001 were 3.53 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

*FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were being published for the first time in the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 16, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 16, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Jul-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.25 CENTS PER POUND.

JUNE 19, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 20, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

| ITEM | POUNDS (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| BREAST - B/S | 783 | 104.00-197.00 | 125-130 | 132.94 |
| TENDERLOINS | 263 | 140.00-235.00 | - | 174.64 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 86 | 75.00-91.00 | 76-79 | 77.79 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| LEGS | 208 | 40.00-49.00 | 41-43 | 41.69 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 319 | 25.00-29.50 | 25-27 | 25.86 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,594 | 27.00-31.00 | 29-30 | 29.36 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 321 | 81.00-99.00 | 95-98 | 96.89 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 703 | 98.00-110.00 | 106-109 | 107.81 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 80 | 45.00-52.00 | - | 51.47 |
| THIGHS | 39 | 42.00-49.00 | - | 48.43 |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |

| ITEM | POUNDS (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| BREAST - B/S | 866 | 110.00-197.00 | 125-130 | 131.42 |
| TENDERLOINS | 258 | 140.00-235.00 | 140-145 | 153.04 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| LEGS | 240 | 38.00-46.00 | 43-45 | 42.67 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 360 | 25.50-27.00 | 26-27 | 26.72 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,520 | 28.00-30.00 | 29-30 | 29.22 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 275 | 81.00-99.00 | - | 96.71 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 527 | 98.00-110.00 | 105-107 | 107.95 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 105 | 44.00-52.00 | - | 49.33 |
| THIGHS | 65 | 43.00-49.00 | - | 45.77 |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 41.50 - 47.25 | 43.75 | 42.75 - 46.50 | 45.49 | 43.50 |

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to fair during mid-week trading as dealers remain cautious and centered around purchases of normally committed product. Offerings of bone-in breasts were adequate to available, boneless skinless breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat items were more than sufficient for trade needs. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, best where features were in progress. The market tone was no better than steady on breast and leg items, steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

| ITEM | JUNE 19, 2001 | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| | CURRENT NEG TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS |
| BREAST - B/S | 115 | 129.66 | 465,360 |
| TENDERLOINS | 135-140 | 144.25 | 159,661 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 56-57 | 65.02 | 260,000 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 56 | 57.50 | 180,000 |
| LEGS | 41-42 | 44.58 | 261,600 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 29-30 | 30.35 | 669,338 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 37-38 | 45.60 | 218,660 |
| THIGHS | 37-38 | 45.46 | 169,850 |
| B/S THIGHS | 88-89 | 90.91 | 76,850 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 94-95 | 95.98 | 525,940 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 12.14 | 101,440 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 38.70 | 101,230 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 40-45 | 44.82 | 134,010 |

| ITEM | JUNE 20, 2001 | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| | CURRENT NEG TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS |
| BREAST - B/S | 115 | 128.26 | 476,480 |
| TENDERLOINS | 135-140 | 144.09 | 108,080 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 56-57 | 65.68 | 306,400 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 56 | 56.93 | 135,000 |
| LEGS | 41-42 | 47.33 | 188,460 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 29-30 | 30.22 | 552,352 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 37-38 | 46.05 | 147,720 |
| THIGHS | 37-38 | 42.89 | 174,880 |
| B/S THIGHS | 88-89 | 92.60 | 63,640 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 94-95 | 102.92 | 369,680 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.97 | 96,640 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 39.55 | 89,840 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 40-45 | 44.68 | 135,800 |

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| | AVG | | | | AVG | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|-------|
| | ESTIMATED | ACTUAL | WTS | ACTUAL | WTS | ESTIMATED | ACTUAL | WTS |
| | 06/20 | 06/19 | 06/18 | 06/15 | 06/18 | 06/15 | 06/13 | 06/11 |
| ALA | 3,999 | 4,018 | 3,924 | 4,202 | 5.10 | 4.94 | 3,942 | 5.13 |
| ARK | 5,288 | 5,361 | 5,043 | 5,897 | 4.88 | 5.12 | 4,814 | 5.01 |
| DELMARVA | 2,346 | 2,349 | 2,362 | 2,181 | 5.13 | 5.02 | 2,400 | 5.08 |
| KY-LA-TN | 1,932 | 2,016 | 1,990 | 2,351 | 4.56 | 4.32 | 2,030 | 4.61 |
| MISS | 2,866 | 2,785 | 2,798 | 2,962 | 5.08 | 4.98 | 2,619 | 5.14 |
| NC | 2,589 | 2,526 | 2,497 | 2,761 | 5.98 | 5.74 | 2,586 | 6.01 |
| TEXAS | 2,381 | 2,342 | 2,165 | 2,093 | 4.75 | 4.58 | 2,309 | 4.87 |
| TOTAL | 21,401 | 21,397 | 20,779 | 22,447 | 5.06 | 5.00 | 20,700 | 5.13 |
| MON-WED64,038 (A) | | | | | 62,818 (A) | | | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Jun 01 and is estimated to be 32,018,000 down 6.46 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,230,000; last year 31,161,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|-------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 85-87 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 71-90 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | - |
| HENS OVER 5# | - |
| DUCKS | 139 |
| RABBITS-WHOLE | - |
| RABBITS-CUT UP | - |

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | ICE PACK | RANGE |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS | | 94-96 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | DRY PACK | 96-104 |
| | ICE PACK | 104-113 |
| | DRY PACK | 113-123 |
| HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK | 98 |
| | DRY PACK | 91 |
| DUCKS | | 152-166 |

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Jun-01

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 06/23/01 (1) | 06/16/01 |
| THOUSAND HEAD | | |
| BRO-FRY | 162,318 (2) | 163,196 |
| LT HENS | 1,911 | 1,825 |
| HVY HENS | 1,577 | 1,541 |
| CHECK TOTAL | 165,806 | 166,562 |

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Jun-01 is 158.3 million head compared to 161.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.6 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 30-Jun-01 the estimated available is 158.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | | PROCESSED TURKEY | PROCESSED POULTRY |
|---------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| | | LBS | LBS |
| AM | 18-Jun-01 | 171,188 | 65,242 |
| AM | 1-Jun-01 | 154,870 | 63,232 |
| CHG | | 16,318 | 2,010 |
| PCT CHG | | 11 | 3 |

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

| PROCESSED TURKEYS | | | PROCESSED POULTRY | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | 06/18/01 | 06/11/01 | 06/19/00 | 06/18/01 | 06/11/01 |
| PACIFIC | | | | | |
| COAST | 26,507 | 25,964 | 21,480 | 4,474 | 4,281 |
| LOS | | | | | |
| ANGELES | 2,632 | 2,227 | 335 | 2,536 | 2,343 |

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2001

| | | RANGE |
|------|-----------------------------|-------|
| HENS | ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 54-58 |
| | VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 56-65 |

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 06/20/01

| LO | | | HI AVG | | | LO | | | HI AVG | | |
|------------------|------|------|--------|-----------------|------|-------|---|---|--------|---|---|
| HEAVY FOWL lb. | .40 | .55 | .48 | HEAVY FOWL ea. | 3.75 | 5.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| LIGHT FOWL lb. | - | 1.05 | - | LIGHT FOWL ea. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MIXED FOWL lb. | - | 1.70 | - | MIXED FOWL ea. | - | 1.75 | - | - | - | - | - |
| BANTAMS lb. | - | .95 | - | BANTAMS ea. | .40 | 4.75 | - | - | - | - | - |
| BROILERS lb. | - | - | - | BROILERS ea. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ROASTERS lb. | .50 | 1.60 | 1.11 | ROASTERS ea. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FRYERS lb. | - | - | - | FRYERS ea. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CHICKS lb. | - | - | - | CHICKS ea. | .25 | .80 | - | - | - | - | - |
| PULLETS lb. | - | - | - | PULLETS ea. | 3.75 | 5.75 | - | - | - | - | - |
| BUNNIES lb. | - | - | - | BUNNIES ea. | .75 | 4.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| ROOSTERS lb. | 1.15 | 1.80 | 1.53 | ROOSTERS ea. | 3.75 | 5.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GEESE lb. | - | - | - | GEESE ea. | 4.25 | 6.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| TURKEYS lb. | - | .40 | - | TURKEYS ea. | 3.00 | 9.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| DUCKS lb. | 1.15 | 2.45 | 2.03 | DUCKS ea. | 2.50 | 7.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| RABBITS lb. | .70 | 1.65 | 1.10 | RABBITS ea. | 1.25 | 2.75 | - | - | - | - | - |
| PIGEONS lb. | - | - | - | PIGEONS ea. | 1.75 | 5.25 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GUINEA FOWL lb. | - | - | - | GUINEA FOWL ea. | 1.50 | 13.50 | - | - | - | - | - |
| DUCKLINGS lb. | - | - | - | DUCKLINGS ea. | .85 | 1.20 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GUINEA KEETS ea. | .95 | 2.25 | - | CALL DUCKS ea. | 4.50 | 7.50 | - | - | - | - | - |
| SILKIES ea. | - | 1.25 | - | GOSLINGS ea. | 1.25 | 3.25 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GUINEA PIGS ea. | - | 2.25 | - | | | | - | - | - | - | - |

TOTAL COOPS 130

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending JUNE 15, 2001

| | Whole | Legs | Necks, Backs | Livers/ | |
|--------------|----------|---------|--------------|---------|----------|
| | Chickens | Breasts | W/Thighs | & Wings | Gizzards |
| RAYON | | | | | |
| Low | 77.26 | 150.51 | 105.36 | 20.07 | 2.51 |
| High | 78.27 | 160.55 | 110.38 | 25.09 | 3.51 |
| Mostly | 78.27 | 160.55 | 105.36 | 20.07 | 3.51 |

SAN JUAN

| | | | | | |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| Low | 81.28 | 160.55 | 125.43 | 35.12 | 6.02 |
| High | 82.78 | 180.62 | 135.46 | 45.15 | 7.53 |
| Mostly | 82.78 | 165.57 | 127.94 | 40.14 | 6.02 |

NEW SAN JUAN

| | | | | | |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| Low | 75.26 | 150.51 | 105.36 | 20.07 | 2.51 |
| High | 78.27 | 160.55 | 110.38 | 25.09 | 3.51 |
| Mostly | 76.76 | 150.51 | 105.36 | 20.07 | 3.51 |

BECERRA

| | | | | | |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| Low | 81.28 | 180.62 | 125.43 | 40.14 | 6.02 |
| High | 82.78 | 183.13 | 135.46 | 42.65 | 7.53 |
| Mostly | 82.78 | 180.62 | 130.45 | 40.14 | 7.53 |

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook

whole birds was slow and typical of normal mid-week activity. Offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, all items remained adequate for the mostly light and selective buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| RANGE | 55-78 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 59.39 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 13,015 |

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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